

McCrory's
24 North Washington Street
Easton, Maryland 21601

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C1805 and Later

Tall and well-proportioned, the McCrory's building adds to the interest of the Washington Street commercial district. Originally built before 1805 it is one of Easton's earlier structures and survives as an example of a Federal period building erected to serve as a storehouse. Three and a half stories in height, it has Flemish bond brick on the front facade and keystone window arches of tan sandstone. The mansard roof which now covers the building was added about 1920.

INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

AND/OR COMMON

McCrory's

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

24 North Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Easton

VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

FIRST

STATE

Maryland 21601

COUNTY

Talbot

3 CLASSIFICATION**CATEGORY**☐ DISTRICT☐ BUILDING(S)☐ STRUCTURE☐ SITE☐ OBJECT**OWNERSHIP**☐ PUBLIC☐ PRIVATE☐ BOTH**PUBLIC ACQUISITION**☐ IN PROCESS☐ BEING CONSIDERED**STATUS**☐ OCCUPIED☐ UNOCCUPIED☐ WORK IN PROGRESS**ACCESSIBLE**☐ YES: RESTRICTED☐ YES: UNRESTRICTED☐ NO**PRESENT USE**☐ AGRICULTURE☐ COMMERCIAL☐ EDUCATIONAL☐ ENTERTAINMENT☐ GOVERNMENT☐ INDUSTRIAL☐ MILITARY☐ MUSEUM☐ PARK☐ PRIVATE RESIDENCE☐ RELIGIOUS☐ SCIENTIFIC☐ TRANSPORTATION☐ OTHER**4 OWNER OF PROPERTY**

NAME

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STREET & NUMBER

24 North Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Easton

VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code
Maryland 21601**5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTION**COURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Talbot County Court House

Liber #: 273

Folio #: 29

STREET & NUMBER

Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Easton

STATE
Maryland 21601**6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS**

TITLE

None

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

CONDITION		CHECK ONE	CHECK ONE
<input type="checkbox"/> EXCELLENT	<input type="checkbox"/> DETERIORATED	<input type="checkbox"/> UNALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> ORIGINAL SITE
<input type="checkbox"/> GOOD	<input type="checkbox"/> RUINS	<input type="checkbox"/> ALTERED	<input type="checkbox"/> MOVED DATE _____
<input type="checkbox"/> FAIR	<input type="checkbox"/> UNEXPOSED		

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

This structure at 24 North Washington Street, is the largest building in the commercial district of Washington Street. It stands on the east side of the street, south of The Maryland National Bank, and is one of the most prominent buildings in town.

The brick building is five bays wide and four stories in height; the forth floor is a mansard roof which was added between 1915 and 1927. The building is now connected in an "L" to a modern building which fronts on Goldsborough Street. The original portion, however, is about thirty feet in depth. A modern store front occupies the first floor.

The building has undergone major changes since its initial construction. Erected C1805 as the store house of Owen Kennard, it was a three-and-a-half story building of the Federal type. There was an A-roof which had two dormers facing west onto Washington Street; there may also have been dormers in the eastern slope of the roof. Huge double chimneys with curtains between them rise from the center of each gable end wall; these date from the original period. The outline of the base of these chimneys may be seen, although the wall was built up when the Mansard roof was added.

The brick of the front facade, dating from 1805 is laid in Flemish bond. Although the wall has been painted, the brick work may be seen to be very nicely done; side walls are common brick laid in Liverpool bond.

The second and third floor windows are evenly spaced. They have plain trim joined with wooden pegs and an ovolo back bond molding. Twelve over twelve sashes are used on the second floor and eight over eight sashes on the third. Above the window openings is a flat keystone arch made of light tan sandstone. A simple arch without the carving seen on other Easton buildings of the period, they are set flush with the brick wall surface.

Sometime in the nineteenth century, the structure was evidently converted from a storehouse to two stores. It was also modernized, probably in the third quarter of the nineteenth century. Old photographs show that the flat keystone arches have been covered with bracketed hoods, probably of carved wood. The cornice was also changed and a heavily bracketed one installed.

This cornice may be the one which remains on the structure: if not it was similiar. The present cornice has a wide overhang and ornamental brackets over each window.

Photographs taken C1915 show the structure in its second phase. In 1921, the Sanborn Map shows its mansard roof. The interior also seems to have undergone a renovation about this time; interior details of the upstairs - then used as offices - would seem to date from C1920. Hoods above the windows have been removed.

As it remains, the mansard roof is covered with diamond-shaped shingles. A wide shed dormer containing six windows with sashes protrudes from the front. There are two small windows with nine over nine on either side of the chimneys on the side walls.

The upstairs is no longer occupied; in fair condition no early details remain from the earliest period. The exterior is well maintained despite the modern store front. The brick walls are painted red. Trim and the mansard fourth floor is white.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW				
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION		
<input type="checkbox"/> 1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE		
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		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION				

SPECIFIC DATES C1805

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

Owen Kennard

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The structure is significant for its architecture. Tall and well proportioned, despite alterations, it contributes to the interest of Washington Street. Built before 1805, it is one of Easton's earlier structures and survives as an example of a Federal period commercial building, erected to serve as a warehouse.

The builder was probably Owen Kennard, a prominent figure in the early life of the town. He owned several lots along Washington Street, including a house which stood at the site of the present Maryland National Bank building.

Major alterations, probably made around 1920, are interesting and well scaled.

L29/F111

In 1801, Owen Kennard bought the northern part of the lot Susannah Robins, now married to Robert Lloyd Nicols, had inherited from her brother George Robins. The parcel measured 48 feet 10 inches on Washington Street with a depth of 229 feet 9 inches. Owen Kennard erected a large brick store/house, certainly the most imposing structure at that time in the fledgling town, aside from the Court House.

L80/F33

L83/F198

L172/F101

L208/F275

L273/F29

In 1876, the building was sold by the last of the Kennard heirs to John W. Jump. He and his son John J. Jump ran a fine dress and household goods store for about forty years. The Jump heirs sold it in 1915 to David Gregg, who made many improvements and additions to the store and has leased it out, for many years, now to McCrory's.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Deeds and Land Records, Talbot County Court House.

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY NA

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

NA

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE None

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

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CITY OR TOWN

Easton


STATE

Maryland 21601

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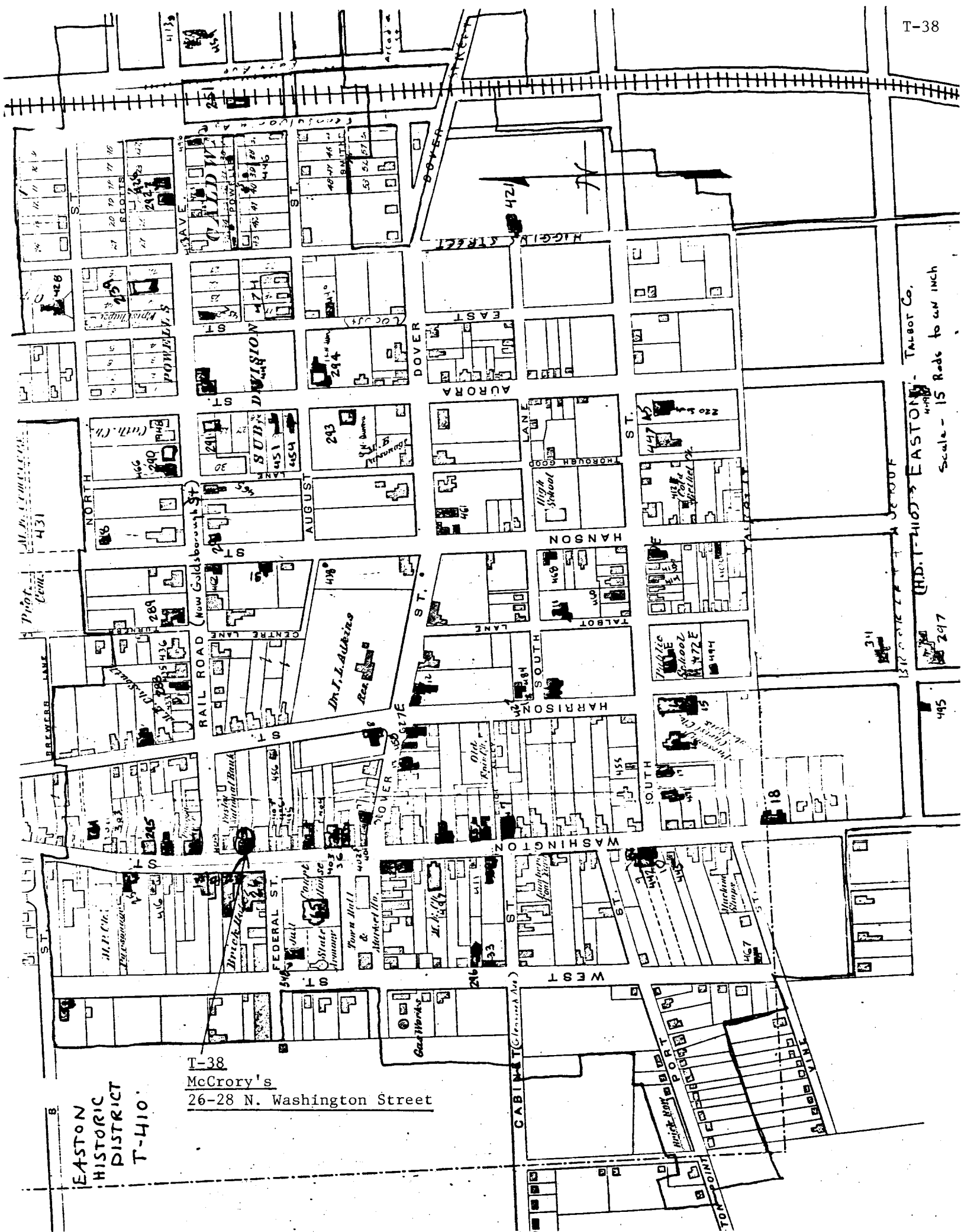
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The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

<p>1. STATE Maryland COUNTY Talbot TOWN Easton VICINITY T-38 STREET NO. Washington St</p> <p>ORIGINAL OWNER ---- ORIGINAL USE Store ? PRESENT OWNER McCrory Dept. Store PRESENT USE Store WALL CONSTRUCTION Flemish bond brick NO. OF STORIES 4 (Mansard)</p>		<p style="text-align: center;">HISTORIC AMERICAN BUILDINGS SURVEY INVENTORY</p> <p>2. NAME -----</p> <p>DATE OR PERIOD c. 1850 STYLE Altered Federal ? ARCHITECT BUILDER</p> <p>3. FOR LIBRARY OF CONGRESS USE</p>	
<p>4. NOTABLE FEATURES, HISTORICAL SIGNIFICANCE AND DESCRIPTION OPEN TO PUBLIC NO</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">This structure, four storeys in height, is now crowned with a Mansard roof. From the appearance of the second storey windows and the chimneys at each end, it is possible that this is a late Federal structure which was remodeled in Victorian times. The building is five bays wide and three bays deep. The first floor is now occupied by a store-front, the design of which harmonizes rather well with the rest of the building. The second storey has five 12/12 sashes topped with Federal style granite lintels with double keystones. The third floor windows are 8/8 sashes whose tops abut flush against the cornice frieze. Projecting from the Mansard roof is one huge modern shed dormer containing six windows. A heavy Victorian cornice runs along the roof line and is supported by cut brackets. Huge double chimneys with curtains between them are at either end of the building.</p> <p style="margin-left: 40px;">It is possible that this building dates from Federal times and has been altered but it is also possible that the Mansard is original and it is victorian in Period. In either case it is an attractive and well-maintained structure.</p>			
<p>5. PHYSICAL CONDITION OF STRUCTURE Endangered Interior Exterior Very Good</p>			
<p>6. LOCATION MAP (Plan Optional)</p> <p></p>		<p>7. PHOTOGRAPH</p>	
<p>8. PUBLISHED SOURCES (Author, Title, Pages) INTERVIEWS, RECORDS, PHOTOS, ETC.</p>		<p>9. NAME, ADDRESS AND TITLE OF RECORDER</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Paul Alan Brinkman</p> <p style="text-align: center;">29 August 1967</p> <p>DATE OF RECORD</p>	

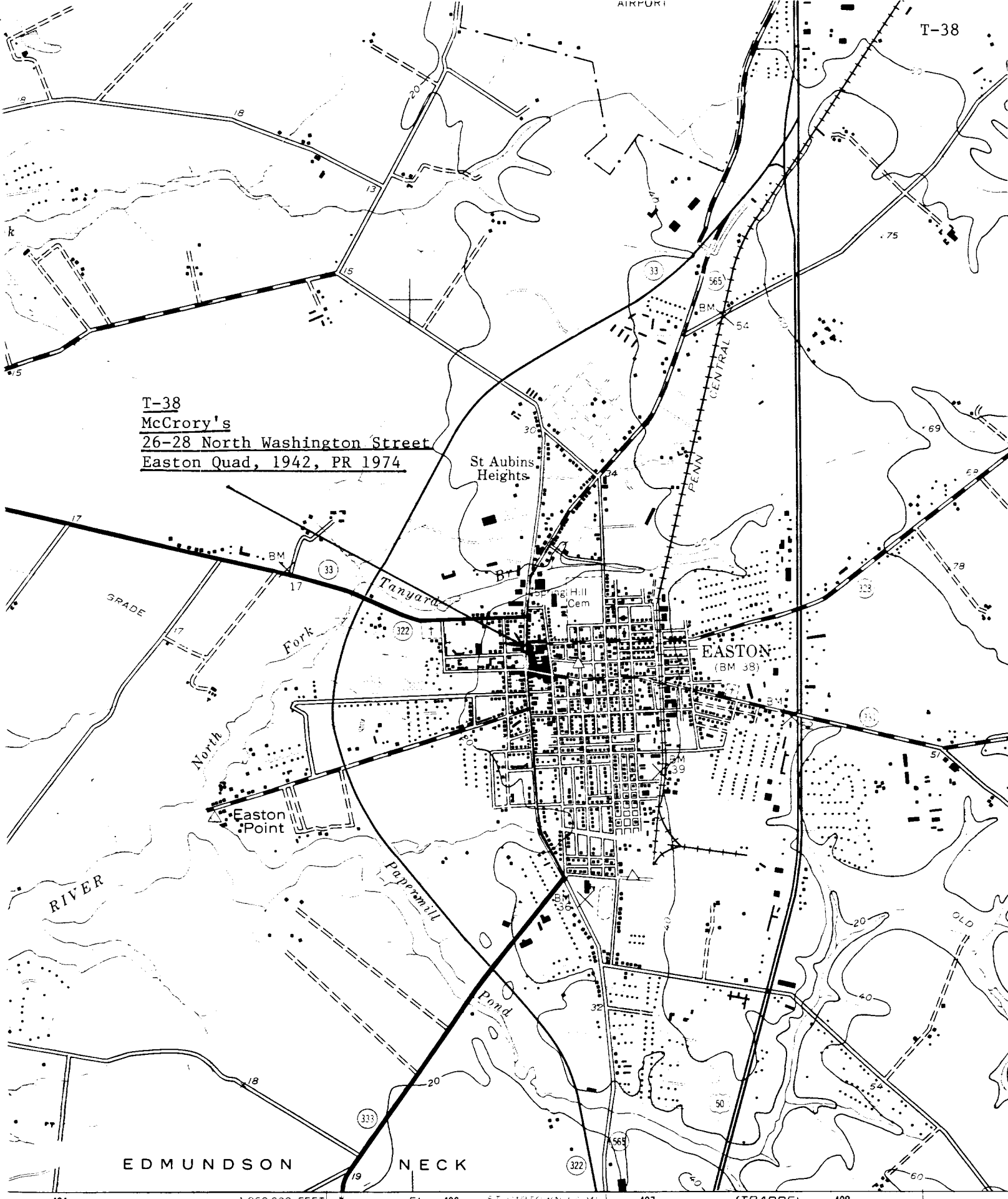
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Easton Quad, 1942, PR 1974



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EASTON
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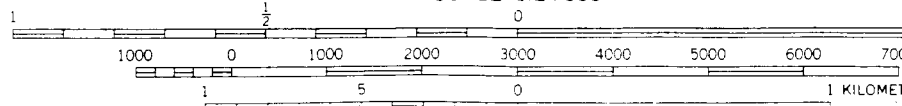
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